



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215KS
15V-575

Subject: Missing Side Reflex Reflectors

Dear Ms. Slings:

This letter serves to acknowledge Vermeer Manufacturing Company's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

VERMEER/BC1000XL/2008-2016
VERMEER/BC1200XL/2009-2016
VERMEER/BC1800XL/2003-2016
VERMEER/BC600XL/2005-2014
VERMEER/BC700XL/2013-2016
VERMEER/BC900XL/2012-2016
VERMEER/SC602/2005-2013
VERMEER/SC802/2005-2016

Mfr's Report Date: September 11, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-575

Components:

EXTERIOR LIGHTING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 21,401

Problem Description:

Vermeer Manufacturing Company (Vermeer) is recalling certain model year 2008-2016 Vermeer BC1000XL, 2013-2016 BC700XL, 2012-2016 BC900XL, 2009-2016 BC1200XL, 2003-2016 BC1800XL, 2005-2014 BC600XL, 2005-2016 SC802 and 2005-2013 SC602 Brush Chippers and Stump Cutters. These models have LED side markers lights that do not have reflectors built into the lenses, reducing the visibility of the vehicle. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment."

Consequence:

The absence of reflectors could reduce the ability for others to see the vehicle, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Vermeer will notify owners, and will supply reflective decals to be installed on the trailer sides, free of charge. The manufacturer has

not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Vermeer customer service at 1-800-829-0051 or by email at productsafety@vermeer.com.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Please amend your Defect Information report to include the population of affected vehicles.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian
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Enforcement